

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner, Mr. Mengistu for his courtesy and assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application during an interview conducted September 9, 2004. As indicated in the Interview Summary, following discussion of Claims 21, 29, 32, 33 and 35, it was agreed that all of the latter claims distinguish over the prior art of record, for the reasons summarized in the Interview Summary. In addition, it was also agreed that for the sake of consistency, the phrase "acoustic signal" in Claim 29 would be amended to "acoustically propagated signal". The latter change has been made in the amendment set forth above.

Finally, it was also agreed that the claims as amended overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants believe that all claims of record in this application are now allowable.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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